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SUBJ: ICFTU-WCL DISCUSS UNIFICATION

1. ON MARCH 5 THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE
UNIONS (ICFTU) AND THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL)
ISSUED A JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT THE TWO
ORGANIZATIONS WILL CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A JOINT
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WORKING COMMITTEE TO STUDY MEANS FOR FURTHER ICFTU-WCL

COOPERATION AND TO SEEK WAYS AND MEANS FOR UNIFICATION.
THE DECISION WAS TAKEN BY DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING THE
EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE TWO INTERNATIONALS AT A MARCH 2
MEETING IN GENEVA.

2. ACCORDING TO ICFTU AND WCL OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED THE
MEETING THE UNIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL WAS
INITIATED BY JOSEPH MORRIS OF THE CANADIAN LABOR
CONGRESS. THEY TOLD THE MISSION LABOR ATTACHE THAT
ICFTU-WCL UNIFICATION REMAINS A LONG-RANGE PROPOSITION BUT
THEY REGARD THE DECISION TO FORM A JOINT COMMITTEE AS AN
IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TOWARD AN EVENTUAL MERGER.
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